

**Developmental Disabilities Council
Consumer Caucus Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2018
Ches Del Restaurant, Port Penn, DE
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Joey Merritt, Chair, Lillian Gibbons, Karen Gallagher

Staff: Pat Maichle

Guests: Ashley (attendant)

- I. Introduction of Members – Everyone present knows each other.
- II. Approval of Agenda – The Agenda was approved as submitted.
- III. Approval of Minutes – The Minutes were approved as submitted.
- IV. March DDC Meeting – Karen suggested that Consumer Caucus Members be encouraged to attend the meetings on a regular basis, every other month. She also suggested that we request the Council Members to be on the lookout for new Council Members with developmental disabilities to join Council, particularly from Sussex County. Since Joey and Lillian have to work on the same day at the March Council meeting, Karen will make these announcements to the full Council.
- V. Budget Process – JFC – All Members were reminded that the Joint Finance Committee begins to meet next week and that it is important for them to hear from people with disabilities about needs in the community. Members were encouraged to attend the meetings or to communicate with their Legislators about their concerns.
- VI. Legislative Process – This was not discussed at this meeting.
- VII. Self-Advocacy – Update – The Members are interested in hearing from the Aspergers Alliance in the near future. Delaware People First will be holding their meetings at the Bear Library, now, no longer at Easter Seals.
- VIII. Other Business – Karen suggested that a letter be written to get new Members on the Membership Committee and on the full Council. We will talk about that at the Membership meeting on 1/29.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned by 11:30 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Ches Del.